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Serial No.: 10/603,343  
Filed: June 25, 2003  
For: Tea Manufacture

Group: 1761  
Examiner: Jyoti Chawla  
Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey 07632

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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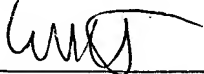


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**PATENT**

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**AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

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Sir:

The following reply is responsive to the Office Action mailed January 17, 2006. Claims 1-8 were originally filed and claim 9 has been added. Therefore, claims 1-9 are the live claims presented for prosecution on the merits. Reexamination and reconsideration of the subject application, pursuant to and consistent with 37 CFR §1.112, are respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.